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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: FOREIGN SECRETARY COMMENTS TO PRESS

1. IN PRESS CONFERENCE REPORTED IN PRESS FEBRUARY 10, FOREIGN SECRETARY SANTIAGO ROEL STRESSED THAT "FRAMEWORK" OF JLP VISIT WOULD BE ONE OF GREAT DIGNITY FOR MEXICO, AND COMMENTED THAT JLP WOULD BE FOLLOWING HIS "GOLDEN RULE" ANNOUNCED IN HIS INAUGURAL SPEECH: "DO NOT ASK FOR WHAT (THE OTHER PARTY) IS NOT DISPOSED TO GIVE". ROEL LISTED NAMES OF MEMBERS OF PRESIDENT'S PARTY AND DISCUSSED SCHEDULE DAY BY DAY. HE PREDICTED TRIP WOULD BE SUCCESS FROM ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL POINT OF VIEW WITHOUT GIVING ANY DETAILS, SAID THAT FIRST STEPS TO SOLVE ILLEGAL WORKERS PROBLEM HAD BEEN TAKEN BUT PROGRESS WOULD CONTINUE, AND DUCKED A QUESTION AS TO WHETHER JLP WOULD ASK FOR A MORATORIUM OF REPAYMENT OF MEXICO'S FOREIGN DEBT.

2. ROEL SAID HE HAD NO INDICATION WHETHER JLP'S OFFER TO MEDIATE US-CUBAN CONFLICT WOULD BE DISCUSSED, BUT THAT IF PRESIDENT'S ASSISTANCE WERE REQUESTED, HE WOULD PROVIDE IT. HE TURNED ASIDE A QUESTION ABOUT THE COLDNESS OF MEXICAN-US RELATIONS UNDER ECHEVERRIA, SAYING THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY "PROBLEMS" UNDER PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION BUT THAT

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PRESIDENT HAD GONE ALONG WITH ROEL'S SUGGESTION THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES BE IMPROVED. FINALLY, HE SAID THAT ATTEMPTS TO RE-ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SPAIN WERE MOVING ALONG WELL; JOVA

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